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Signs of Promise.

Boom—from the hill over the valley came the sound of the battle royal. Not in beating of drums, and charge of horses, and rattle of musketry, but in songs of praise and heart to heart words of cheer as they were led by noble men, who dared to do great things until the volume of their work had reached \$655.50 and all for Foreign Missions. "He that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully" is the promise of the book, and oh what will the harvest be at Water Valley if the church continue in the good way now in which they are walking. Then from the Blue Mountain church came another earnest of the love of God, as they laid upon his altar \$205.00 with more to follow. In entire harmony with these came letters from Cherry Creek bearing a "sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to the Lord," in a gift of \$68.00, while Friendship close by sends a message with \$32.00. Itta Bena and Bear Creek in close touch with each other, where Cooper preaches, the one with the high forehead that runs clear back of his head, send greetings with \$57.30. Providence in old Union catches the mission step with \$25.01. There be two neighbors that vie with each other commercially, and sometimes are jealous of the inroads that they may make on each other's territory, but they both seem at one in taking care of the old preachers, for to this date they have each sent the largest amount for that purpose, and one of these exceeds the other but little, but the less amount is more than made up in something else that must not be forgotten in the work of our Lord, who was welcome to the synagogues where he preached, but we find it otherwise when we attempt to build up churches in other folks houses.

I am interrupted right here by our contractor at Rosedale with information that he needs some money, and he hopes that I may be able to send him \$500—well, yes, I can do that, for some of the Lord's people have put it into my hands and for this very purpose, but must I say it? He has just sized my pile, and before I can pay some more, which he is good enough to tell me will not be until the house is finished,—well by that time some of the Lord's own will put more in my hands, and I shall thank Him whose they are, and for whose sake they do it. We want to have a great dedication day about the last of this month or the first of March, and we want all you Mississippi Baptists to have part in it. Ah but see here will you? A letter from away down in South Mississippi where our folks are building a house, out in the country, and the man has said to them—you must pay me, or I

will sell the whole thing. They have no money, and one hundred dollars will save the day, and build the house. The General Association sends word that they will give \$50.00, and asks the Convention Board for \$50.00. Well we have an arrangement with the G. A., by which we are doing co-operative work with them, and so I shall write, yes, we will put \$50.00 of the co-operative work there, but this will take it away from some place where we ought to be spending it in the preached Word. But a house we must have, for Baptists do very little in other folks' houses. Oh brother, sister, have you got some of the Lord's money that He would be glad to see you put in church houses on mission fields? Think of these opportunities, and be glad that they are come to your notice, and then in His name send me some of it.

A. V. ROWE.

Yates College.

The Foreign Mission Board has authorized Rev. R. T. Bryan to raise \$15,000 in the South to erect a college building in Shanghai, China, in memory of Dr. M. T. Yates. He is now in the United States engaged in this effort. He has recently been in Mississippi looking after this matter.

Secretary Rowe heartily endorses the movement in these words:

"I have heard with much satisfaction the plans of R. T. Bryan as endorsed by the Foreign Mission Board for the building of Yates College in Shanghai, China, and do heartily recommend these to the Baptists of Mississippi with the hope that much consideration be given them, and such help rendered as will speedily end in the thorough equipment of the College."

The missionaries in China present the following as to the needs of the college and the plan for raising the money:

NEEDS FOR THE COLLEGE.

1. The greatest need of our mission work in China is trained leaders. The Baptists of both Southern and Northern Boards in all China with a membership of about eight thousand native Christians, have no college in which to train leaders for their churches.

The work cannot be made self-supporting without leaders. Those denominations that have colleges have many more intelligent and trustworthy leaders than the Baptists have.

2. The other denominations have many colleges, and are educating our boys. The result of this is that our brightest and best boys have been taken away from us. Some of the boys and grandsons of our old pastors even are now in those churches.

The college is needed to hold and to train our boys for leadership in our own churches.

3. The college is also needed to attract to us bright boys from heathen families. It will thus prove a good evangelizing agency, especially among the better classes of Chinese.

4. China must be evangelized by the Chinese themselves. The sooner we train them for this great work, the more quickly it will be done.

5. A native worker costs far less than a foreign missionary, and in connection with the foreign missionary is just as efficient. Therefore the work can be more cheaply and efficiently done by training native workers.

PLAN FOR RAISING MONEY.

1. We wish to raise the money, as far as possible, in one hundred dollar memorial shares, though smaller gifts will be gladly accepted. All subscriptions are to be paid to the Foreign Missionary Board before December 31, 1904.

2. We wish each giver of a memorial share to furnish us with a name to be engraved on a memorial tablet in the main hall of the college. These names will encourage and stimulate the boys to prepare themselves for the great work of evangelizing China.

3. This is a special fund to be raised for a special purpose by the contributions of individuals, or groups of individuals, and is not intended to take the place of nor interfere with the regular contributions of the churches to foreign missions.

The Yates College will be an enlargement of the High School which our Mission has conducted for seven years without financial aid from the Foreign Mission Board. It is our purpose to establish the college upon a like self-supporting basis.

Each contributor to the Building Fund will receive an illustrated sketch of the school and college as a souvenir to show how the money has been expended.

The Board own a vacant lot in Shanghai, worth ten thousand dollars and fifteen thousand dollars will build as good a building in Shanghai as twenty-five thousand dollars will build in the United States.

Superintendent J. R. Carter of the Orphanage, greatly appreciates the valuable things sent out by Mrs. King and Mrs. Searcy of West Jackson, in their time of need at the Orphanage. They are heavily burdened, having now 43 cases of measles, and any help that can be sent now in the form of food and clothing, freight prepaid, or money, will be timely. The children are doing reasonably well.

Concerning Missions.

J. L. PHELPS.

Missions had its origin in the infinite mind of God, and is founded in the Blood of the everlasting covenant, and will reach its culmination in the giving of the glorious Gospel of Christ to all the nations of earth and in the salvation of the last man whom God shall call into His everlasting kingdom. Truly none other than an all-wise God could have devised the wondrous plan, which plan can never be frustrated nor its wisdom impeached. Just like every other New Testament doctrine it is founded upon and consequently dependent upon the Blood of Christ. Just as long as sinners are justified and saved by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ just so long will they be imperatively commanded and obligated to preach repentance and remission of sins in His name among all nations. For this purpose Jesus suffered, bled and died; for this purpose He lives and reigns as the King of kings and Lord of lords; for this purpose was His church created in the world and has no right to exist bearing His precious name if it does not fulfil the mission He has assigned it.

But what I started out to say mainly is this: That this year, for several reasons, should mark an epoch in missions among the Baptists of our beloved State. Seeing that under so many unfavorable conditions with which we have been confronted for the past three or four years we have made such wonderful progress, even excelling any State in the Southern Baptist Convention last year. What ought we do this year? Whereas, instead of another crop failure God has given us the most prosperous year that we have had for twenty. Brethren, sisters, beloved of the Lord, redeemed by His precious Blood, can we withhold? Will we withhold that which is His?

What we do in His name will be the measure of our gratitude for His wonderful mercies.

The New Testament Ministry.

R. A. VENABLE.

The Apostle Paul has given in three passages, an inventory of the ministry of the New Testament Times. 1 Cor. 12:28, Rom. 12:5-8, Eph. 4:11. The differences emerging upon a careful study of these appear to be mutually supplementary rather than contradictory. Paul makes no mention in these passages either of Bishops, or Elders, or Deacons. Some years later he distinctly mentions both Bishops and Deacons. (See Phil. 1:1). In his 1st letter to the Thessalonians, 5:12, he uses the following language: "We beseech you brethren, to know them who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you." In all Paul's letters to the churches the word Elder is never used, and

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the terms Bishop and Deacon never occur until his first imprisonment (Phil. 1:1). Yet it can be shown that the functions designated by these terms are prominent in the apostle's mind, but connoted by different terms.

It is the purpose of these papers to consider the New Testament ministry, as presented in 1st Cor. 12:28, Eph. 4:11. The apostle here seems to give the divine order in which God arranged these several ministerial gifts. "God has set some in the church, first apostles, secondly prophets, thirdly teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, governments, divers kinds of tongues." The use of the words first, second, third, is not a rhetorical makeshift, but determines the importance of each according to the divine place.

1st. It is important to note that the apostle regards these ministerial gifts as a

part of a human person because the personality is in the form of an indwelling Spirit. Christ is the Spirit that dwells in the church and in virtue of that indwelling the church is the body of Christ. This body of Christ, the Church, as a living organism, like the human body is endowed with many members. The human body has the eye, the foot, the hand, the ear, and the nose—the sense of touch, of sight, of hearing and smelling, come through their appropriate organs, which are an indispensable part of the body as such. These with the hands and feet are all members of the one body. Without these there could be no human body. God has set these members, each one of them, even as it has pleased Him. "And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now there are many members but one body," verses 19, 20) Unity in divinity, obviously is one of the prominent thoughts



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part of a spiritual organism, comparable to the human body. They are members, limbs of this vital organism. The organism is composed of individuals all animated by one and the same vital power, which is the indwelling Christ. This body is the body of Christ, of which he is the head. They are, (each member of this body), in vital union with the Christ. The enthroned life of the Christ is realized in them through the Holy Spirit, as the organic force.

"As the human body is an organic whole because of the indwelling spirit, so also the church is the body of Christ because Christ dwells in it. 'The Lord,' that is 'Christ,' is the Spirit, 2 Cor. 3:17 and the 'quickening Spirit' (15:45), without whom the Church would be but an aggregate, not an organism. A human body is

running through this entire chapter.

Now when Paul comes to apply this analogue to the church as the body of Christ he emphasizes the diversity in the spiritual body, while unity is preserved in all that he says.

Note 2nd. That these "some" which are set in the church, such as apostles, prophets, teachers, etc., are functional organs which God has placed there, and are indispensable to the perfection of the body. These correspond to the eye, the ear, the nose, the hand and the foot in the human body. As the human body requires all these for the manifestation and accomplishments of the animating life in the economy of the (human) body, so the different members of the spiritual body, the church, are indispensable to the manifestation of the living Christ within and for the

accomplishment of the work which this church is to perform, and the service which it is to render for him to the world without, as well as for its own edification. It must be kept in mind that these gifts are in the church and not out of it. The body is something into which the act of baptism brings them, or which they set forth in their baptism. "For in one Spirit we were all baptized into, or unto (eis), one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether bond or free, and were all made to drink of one Spirit (ver. 13). These administer each to the body's welfare on the one hand and are mutually dependent one upon the other. None can claim independence of the others, nor get on without the others. Let it be observed also that none of these are invested with the supremacy over the body as such, nor over each other. Nor can either displace the other. The foot cannot take the place of the hand, nor the ear the eye, nor sense of sight that of the sense of hearing.

Note 3rd. These organs are functional and not official. They are set apart to a work and not to an office. Each is auxiliary to the performance of the fundamental functions of the body as such. Prof. Hart has well said, "Much profitless labor has been spent in trying to force the various terms used into meaning so many definite ecclesiastical offices. Not only is the feat impossible but the attempt carries us away from St. Paul's purpose which is to show how the different functions are those which God has assigned to the different members of a single body. In both lists the Apostles and prophets come first, two forms of altogether exceptional functions, those who were able to bear witness to Jesus and the Resurrection by the evidence of their own sight—the Twelve and St. Paul—and those whose monitions or outpourings, were regarded as specially inspired by the Holy Spirit. Each of these held one kind of function, and next to these in 1 Cor. come all who in any capacity were teachers, without any of the extraordinary gifts bestowed on the apostles and prophets . . . It was the purpose of the apostle to show that the service which they were intended to render to the Ecclesia of that age was on the one hand, as on the other cases, was the service of members of a body to which they themselves belonged. What is common to all the series (of gifts) is that they are so many kinds of partial service, and from this point of view it was immaterial whether there were or were not definite offices corresponding to these kinds of service. All that is said of this passage in Corinthians can likewise be said of the passage in Eph. and also in Romans. It is manifest if apostles, prophets and teachers designated formal offices, healing would be an office, the same could be said of gifts of tongues, miracles, helps, governments and so on through all the series in each of the passages containing reference to these gifts. These were clearly functional services and not formal offices, as is sometimes held.

Note 4. The source of these gifts is God.

God has set these functional organs in the body according to his own will. The instrument through which these are placed in their respective work is the Holy Spirit. It must be borne in mind that every member of the church is the dwelling place of the Spirit, and is therefore spiritual (*pneumatikos*). These are all of the same spiritual rank. There is no disparity. Nationality, sex, bondage and freedom, age, time and clime do not and cannot disturb this parity between God's children. They are all one in Christ. Each being the dwelling place of the Spirit, is wrought upon by the indwelling Spirit and the diversity emerges in the sphere of service. Men have different natural endowments, and different advantages, which the Spirit vivifies and raises to their highest powers, and makes them all to contribute to the service of Christ. This diversity of natural powers makes some eminently fitted to take one part, and another, another part. Those of the highest endowments are set forth in the body to perform the highest functional service. But it would be a mistake to suppose that only the highest service is to be traced to the Spirit's gifts since all Christian service, is due to the same Spirit. While all these functions of service are a part of the function of the body as such, and are amenable to the church or body as a whole. These special gifts which are set in a series by the apostle, rank upon rank, are all subordinate to the body as a whole. The spirit of the prophets is subject to the prophets. Paul assumes that this "gift" of speaking "the Word of God" required a gift in the hearers, which corresponded to the gift in the speakers, and that it would have small effect apart from the general gift of the discernment of spirits. There was therefore in this ministry of the Word, the exercise of a twofold gift or "charisma," on the one hand the "charisma" which enabled the speaker to declare what was the message of God, and on the other hand, the "charisma" in the hearers which enabled them to recognize whether the message was what it professed to be, a declaration of the Spirit, to receive it if it was and reject it if it was not. Hence the hearers are told to test the speakers. 1 Cor. 12:1, 4, 10; 1 Thes. 5:21; 1 Cor. 10:15; 11:13; 1 John 4:1-3. This gift of discernment lay at the foundation of all gifts, and held a supremacy over all. But this supremacy was functional as other gifts, and was a part of the body itself, and in no sense detached from it.

A Correction.

My attention has been called a number of times since the good people of Gulfport presented me with a gold watch, that the minutes of the last State Convention has me as a missionary to Gulfport for half time at a salary of \$500. And some good brethren supposed that the State Mission Board was paying the entire salary. When in fact the State Board only guaranteed what could not be raised on the field. I have not made a report to the State Board in over a year and have not received one dollar from them for services

rendered in the year 1903. I make this correction, not to criticize Secretary Rowe or the Board, but that Gulfport Church may be set right before the Baptists of the State and that I might be set right before the church. Some of them on reading the report of the Secretary, might think I was collecting salary from the church and from the State Board also. When I left Gulfport there was some of my salary unpaid, but I did not expect the State Mission Board to settle it, as I was assured by a number of the best brethren that they would pay it, which they are well able to do. There ought to be some way to designate between the guaranteed salary and what is actually paid, that all might know what part was borne by the Board and what was done by the church. I make this suggestion knowing that I am in Mississippi, and knowing that nothing has ever yet occurred to make us suspect anything wrong of our Board.

Respectfully,

J. R. JOHNSTON.

Dr. and Mrs. Graves.

Our town has again had the pleasure of welcoming Dr. and Mrs. Graves, of Canton, China, in whom all Mississippi Baptists feel almost a personal interest, since this State is the home of Mrs. Graves.

They have been visiting Judge Lowery, and the influence of their visit will long be felt not only by the Baptists, but other denominations, whose zeal for missions received a new impetus from hearing both Dr. and Mrs. Graves.

Dr. Graves preached several times, and gave interesting talks on the work. His experience of forty-seven years among the heathen gives him an almost inexhaustible store of knowledge to pour into the ears of his interested listeners.

Mrs. Graves also gave fine talks to the ladies, not only the Baptist, but the societies of other denominations, and the effect seems to be wonderful, and I hope will be lasting. An anxious desire for more knowledge of the work, a stronger feeling of personal responsibility, and a deeper spirituality is showing itself throughout our band of workers.

We call the attention of our readers this week to the fact that J. W. Patton, of this city, bought out the interest of Mr. White in the music business formerly known as Patton & White, some time ago, and will continue same at their old stand in this city. Mr. Patton was the original owner of this business before Mr. White entered it, and is thoroughly acquainted with all its details as well as the wants and requirements of his friends and patrons. We can say without fear of ever having to retract the statement that Mr. Patton will never leave anything undone which will please those who trade with him. We therefore bespeak for him a goodly share of the patronage of our readers. When wanting anything in the music line write to him for catalogues and prices.

How to Make a Good Pastor.

It may be well to state just what is meant by a good pastor for no doubt there are differences of opinion about that as of most things. It is assumed here however that he is a sympathizing friend, ready to enter into your troubles; see them as you see them, and feel a personal interest in your welfare. He should also be a spiritual adviser, one who can help you to remove your doubts as to the nearness of God and clear up the difficulties that beset you in your Christian life. Especially should he be a good preacher, that is, one who brings a message from God and presents it intelligently so that it feeds the flock of God and builds them up in Christian character, and can make plain the way of salvation through Jesus the Christ. He should see that nothing else in this world is so important as *preaching the Word*. Now, if your pastor does not come up to your ideal how can you help him up towards it? Why, in the first place, by honoring him as God's under-shepherd. His position entitles him to your kindly consideration. You may be much more intelligent than he is, much wiser than he is in the affairs of this world, but it God has called him to preach the gospel and appointed him to the pastorate, it is through him that prosperity will come to your church, if it comes at all. If he has some conspicuous fault, go to him in brotherly love and in the kindest way possible, tell him of it, even before you tell anybody else. If he does not receive it kindly, know you have a hopeless case! Don't magnify his faults to other people. Of course he has faults just as sure as you have. A good preacher has had his usefulness crippled sometimes by a good brother who was indiscreet in his criticisms, and the church has languished in spiritual dearth in consequence. If he needs it take him like Aquila, and Priscilla and teach him the better way of the truth more perfectly, but don't talk him down among the people. That brother had the right idea who said to me once: "I like the new pastor, but if I didn't nobody would ever know it."

Another thing, make it easy for him to be your friend, he wants to be. If he did not call to see you quite as soon as you thought he should, don't say, "I'm surprised, I didn't think you cared enough for me to come to see me." You may give him a chill and make his visit a failure when he did come. A better way is to make him feel that you appreciate his visit and would like his coming oftener. When he tells you his plans for the work of the church, remember that it is his business, that God has laid it on his heart and this is the thing to which he has given his best thought with prayer to God for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and it you can without violence to your conscience, give him your cooperation and do it heartily for in that way he can do his best service. If there are defects in his plans, make kindly suggestions and it will all come right. Help him to build up the congregation, say everything you can in fa-

vor of his preaching, make much of the excellencies. He may not be the best of preachers but so great a man as J. R. Graves is reputed to have said he never heard a sermon so poor that he was not benefitted by it. If you have heard such a sermon just take it for granted that you are not as good a listener as Dr. Graves. Ask the people to go to church, go after them Sunday morning, compel them to come in—by moral suasion. Any man will preach better to a large congregation than to a small one. More people will be benefitted. Be sure to meet him at the church on preaching days. Your presence there habitually will make him a better preacher. Then listen to him. Did you ever try to carry on a conversation with a man and have him look away off elsewhere and hum and whistle snatches from some old tune? You soon lost your interest. If one gives you such a gone feeling, how would it be with one or two hundred? One bright faced listener has saved many a preacher from a failure. If all had given bright attention, there would be many great preachers.

And lastly, if your preacher says anything that helps you, tell him so. I don't mean tell him he preached a beautifully sermon, or it was grand, but if it did you good, let him know it, don't be afraid this will spoil him. If it will be quicker he is spoiled the better and be cast out. But there are enough adversities to keep him humble you may be sure. One of the most helpful things ever said to me was by a sister who came to me at the close of service and said, "I want to thank you for those two sermons, I was feeling kind-a-cold, but now—if you have any work you want me do point it out. It did me good."

You try the above and report results.
Yours,
J. P. WILLIAMS.

Temperance Education.

We have read the report of the sub-committee of the committee of Fifty on tem-

perance education in the schools, and feel that it is due the cause of temperance and justice that some misleading statements be pointed out. The W. C. T. U. have made a reply to this report. It is in printed pamphlet form. Any one desiring a copy of the reply can have it for the asking by writing to Mrs. Harriet B. Kells, President of the Mississippi W. C. T. U., at Fayette, Miss. We would emphasize the following five misleading points:

1. That the report of the Sub-Committee of the Fifty upon temperance education in the public schools is an unwarranted attack upon that which is the foundation and hope of all our temperance work.
2. That the report contains inaccuracies and misrepresentations that many persons will accept because of their confidence in the official position of many of the members of the Committee of Fifty, unless we point out to them these inaccuracies and misrepresentations.
3. That the gist of the report is a subtle condoning of moderate drinking.
4. That the report is being sent to ministers in prohibition States, is being placed in libraries, and is being recommended by opponents of our present system of temperance education, for school libraries where it will be accessible to teachers and pupils.
5. It is therefore urged that the temperance people of every State should acquaint themselves with the facts in the case, established by the greatest scientists of Europe and America.

Any one desiring to introduce the Home Department work into their S. S., would do well to address The International Sunday-school Evangel, Chemical Building, St. Louis, Mo., enclosing five cents and asking for a set of samples and a Blue Book explaining the Home Department Work. Full supplies can be had from our S. S. Board at Nashville, Tenn., but I do not know if they keep the Blue Book which explains the method of work.

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The Church in the Work of Soul Winning.

[Read by J. H. Lane before the Worker's Conference of Bogue Chitto Association at McComb City, and requested published.]

The church is a Divine Institution. It's a body of saved and baptized people. Organized to keep house on earth for the Lord. The purpose is the presentation of the doctrines, and ordinances, and the evangelization of the world. The leading phase of the work of the church is winning souls back to God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Winning them from condemnation to a condition in which there is no condemnation. Winning them from a fallen state to one of salvation in the blood of the Lamb. Finding them in their own righteousness, and then winning them to imputed and inwrought righteousness. From total depravity and a state of death to one of Spiritual life. From a stranger to the kingdom, and a child of the devil, to one of saintly citizenship in the kingdom, and the child of God. Heirs of God, and joint heirs with Jesus Christ our Elder Brother.

In this matter of salvation of the soul, it pleases the happy God to use His Son's blood, His Word, Holy Spirit, and the Church.

Our effort in the operation of this God-given means, is no part of the man's salvation. As the hum of a buggy wheel is no part of the wheel, but when the wheel is in motion it's impossible to detach the hum from the wheel. So, we doubt, whether one soul has ever been saved, without the use of another.

The conversion of Saul has been cited as an exception, but Paul knew God's law, had heard Stephen pray, and might have heard other messengers long before that brilliant light shone around him on the day of his salvation. An angel went to Cornelius, but it was only to tell this Gentile inquirer where he could find a preacher. And from the readiness Cornelius received the message; is evident that some one and the Holy Spirit had been at work with him before Peter's visit.

It's a great blessing to be saved. To be favored with God's unmerited grace. To have our sins blotted out. Remembered against us no more. To have them cast into the sea. Past and future sin removed from us as far as the east is from the west. And then what a privilege it is to be co-workers with Christ, and to be permitted to take some humble part in leading sinners to the Lamb of God. "He that winneth souls is wise."

1. Therefore, the church that is to make a large success in soul winning must have gospel preaching. Other kinds may draw crowds for a while, and even some join the church, but it is only the simple story of Jesus and His love that saves people. Peter stood up and preached on the day of Pentecost—(1) All are sinners—(2) Crucified, arisen and ascended Savior—(3) Repentance—(4) Baptism. This kind of preaching pierced the hearts of the people, and many were saved and then joined the church, and then were baptized, and then

they brought works.

We have it on record in which talent, wealth and influence utterly failed to build a permanent place of worship. Notwithstanding Dr. Talmage's personal magnetism, his well-rounded periods, and his oratorical flights like an eagle, after these unsuccessful attempts, his membership at Brooklyn, N. Y., went to the winds, and he became an assistant pastor before he was gathered home. This otherwise great man preached on strikes, famines in India, Capital and labor, Politics and all social questions. And those who have read from his pen in the years gone, time and again, felt as those Greeks who went up to Jerusalem: "We would see Jesus."

We have an example of Bible preaching in the life of Charles Hadden Spurgeon, who preached total depravity of the human family. Salvation through the Atoning blood of Jesus. God's grace not only to save, but to keep till we reach that glorified state.

Then when the Lord called this servant from the walks of his brethren the London Tabernacle went on winning souls as in the days of old.

We have in Roman and Grecian history two styles of public speaking which illustrate Talmage's and Spurgeon's preaching. When the Romans heard Cicero they complimented the speaker, but when the Greeks heard Demosthenes, they said: "let us fight Philip." Cicero drew the people to himself—Demosthenes directed them to his subject. Talmage started the people around the man. Spurgeon massed them about Christ. The ideal preaching is where you sink out of sight and Jesus only is seen.

There is much said and written now a day about a drawing preacher, one who is up-to-date, and alive to the times and not too old, and some churches even demand that he be good looking.

There may be some truth in these modern expressions, but there is danger of more deception and lack of wisdom than truth. While the pastor ought to take heed unto himself, as well as the flock, and study to be approved of God, rather than men, but the pastor cannot do much without a drawing church—worldly-mindedness, the lack of Christian fellowship, and Bible discipline, we make it exceedingly difficult to reach the unsaved through the membership. Now and then a real gospel preacher becomes discouraged, and feels like he is nearly under the juniper tree, because of the small visible results that attend his labors. The absence of a loving and a hearty co-operation of the church with the pastor. The church failing to let her light shine. And where the salt seems to have lost its savor, all militate against doing the work God wants His people to do.

2. The church that hopes to be a soul-winner, shall not only believe in the doctrines, and have fellowship with God, and the saints, and be living examples of the truth, but must be able to reach the masses. Anything that will repel the people is a bar to soul-winning. Fine clothes,

and a brick house are not as repulsive to the common people as the lack of the fruits of Spirit in our lives. We may wear silk and diamonds and reach people for God if we have the Spirit of Him whom the Son heard gladly.

The Salvation Army whose motto and literature are Salvation, soup, and soap, have one hundred thousand ex-drunkards today marching in their ranks, as living examples of what can be done—when we reach the people. We preach on excuses people have for not coming. Let's preach from the parable—"Go out and compel them to come in."

3. The way some churches raise money to defray the expenses of the Lord's work is an hindrance to Spiritual Work. The Bible plan is a free will offering as the good Lord has prospered us. Contributions from any other motive permits the true Spirit of giving, oyster suppers, festivals, raffling cakes—and voting for the prettiest girl present, tend to the Spirit of the world, and when the church embibes this Spirit she ceases to win souls. The church at Laodicea is described in Revelation as being poor in Spirit, naked and blind. They had excluded the Savior from their membership, and the Lord was no longer walking among the golden candlesticks, but was on the outside—seeking admission. This church was in no condition to do work for the Lord, even if they had had the saintly Poly-carp as pastor.

4. The church neglecting the care of her needy poor has been a draw-back in the progress of Zion. This is what gave rise to the office of deacon, but many an old saint has gone home to God from the county poor house. And the care of the needy widows has long since been turned over to the tender mercy of the Masons, Knights of Honor, or some other order. While I do not make complaint against any benevolent order, still I do contend that if the church had continued this work as the first church started it, she would have been able to touch life at more points. Members belong to so many orders and clubs, till they say: We have no time to do our duty as church members and their contributions are as slender as their attendance. Hence we are forced to appoint sisters to raise money on the streets as best they can and in some places the church is called a lagging Institution, and that too by her members.

5. The pastor staying in one pastorate too long, and at another time leaving too soon, and the way the church gets rid of her pastor, and her manner of calling the next, all operate against Christian development, and soul-drawing. Paul gave some good advice when he wrote "Who is Paul, Apollos, or Cephas, but ministers by whom you believed?" All of them belong to the church. We are rich in preachers. And when a minister finds himself getting out of work, and shall quit laying the blame on his brother-minister, and the church ceases to wrangle our pastors, then sinners shall be converted and backsliders reclaimed.

God not only calls men to preach, but

calls them to certain fields. And the people will hear the voice of the one whom the Lord sends as they will hear the voice of no other. It's helpful to believe that you are in a certain pulpit by the work of the Holy Spirit, as well as a vote of the brethren and sisters.

6. The church should never become too formal nor ritualistic in her worship or work. But let every saved soul reach out after another soul—as when Andrew found Simon, and Jesus found Phillip, and Phillip found Nathaniel. This is the way soul-winning begins, and continues to witness for the Master in Jerusalem which is State Missions, Samaria which means home work, and then the uttermost parts of the earth, which is foreign missions, or whenever a soul can be found.

"Go, disciple, into all nations, and lo, I am with you. Sow thy seed by the side of all waters. He who goes forth weeping, bearing precious seed, doubtless shall come again, rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him."

Sow thy seed in the morning, withhold not thy hand at noon, for thou knowest not which shall prosper, this or that, or all shall turn to good.

"I would have you know brethren that he who converteth a sinner, saves a soul from death, and hides a multitude of sins. They who turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and forever. I have fought a good fight, kept the faith, finished the course, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown. Not only for me, but all who are laboring and looking for the coming of the Lord."

The following lines seem to be the expression of some one saved as by fire—No rewards.

"Must I go, and empty handed,
Must I meet my Savior so?
Not one soul with which to greet Him,
Must I empty handed go?"

"Brethren let us arouse, be earnest,
Work while yet it is day.
Before the night overtakes us,
Let us strive for souls while we may."
"After while at the end of the way,
In the evening, when the sun goeth down
Yes, up yonder in the mansions of day,
We hope to find some stars in the crown."

The Peace of the Spirit.

BY REV. ARTHUR S. BURROWS.

III.

We all want this peace of the Spirit, do we not? Our world never has and never can give it. Satan first brought catastrophe, and life has ever been revolutionary, and human progress has come by the use of the axe and the sword. Human existence has advanced amid wars, the sacrifice of innumerable lives, of untold treasures. Human comfort has risen upon the humiliation of brotherhood, and increased by martyrdom of the saints of the earth. The world has given Nihilism to Russia rather than the patriotism of Alexander II. The world has given despotism and State religion to Germany instead of Joseph II.'s stimulation of reason. The world gave to France the greed and hate of a bloody revo-

lution, instead of the humane development of the statesman Turgot. America was born amid shot and shell, and angry separation from her mother. Our national life is still disturbed with unions for conflict between workman and employer, strikes that are boomerangs, child labor that is debasing, arbitration that is political, law that is lawless, crime that is unrestrained, and hope that is tearful. The world only counterfeits peace. The fruit of the Spirit of God is peace. The world says, Peace, peace, when there is no peace to the wicked. Look at Macedonia; land of Philip, and of Alexander the Great; country of some of Paul's noblest Christian converts; magnificent in Nature, abounding with fertile valleys and glorious mountains; this wonderful spot on God's earth suffering the abominations of Gladstone's "great assassin."

Captain Negote, a German officer, invites us into the arena of modern battle. The conflicting armies are four miles apart. The artillery of each is distancing each other, tearing up the soil with bursting shells. The crew of each opposing gun have properly sighted their brother gunners. Now every projectile discharged bursts in midair over each other's ranks, a rain of bursting shells with red hot lead and iron. Men and horses are overwhelmed. Guns destroy guns, and batteries annihilate batteries. Human battalions advance amid a deluge of bullets, and still a mile and a quarter apart. The earth is reddened with the blood of fellow human beings. Firing lines still come on, battalion after battalion, with reserves close behind. A thousand paces separate between, a belt in which no living being can stand for a moment. The moment has come when half of this human life will be mowed down like parallel rows of wheat in the grain field.

And the Book of God has been saying for ages that the fruit of the Spirit of God is peace. Ought not the Churches of Christ to arouse unto prayer for the coming of the day when the Lord's house shall be established in the earth, and all nations shall flow unto it: when many people shall say, Come ye, and let us go up to the house of the God of Jacob, and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths. And God shall judge between the nations, and shall prove many people; and shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Southern Baptist Study, Worcester, Mass.

A Word From East McComb.

I have just closed a very prosperous year's work with this church. I began my pastorate here just one year ago, succeeding the noble S. W. Sibley, who is now stationed at Centerville, Miss. At that time the church had 74 members and was in debt also. At the close of the year it had enrolled 153 members and all indebtedness paid up with the house wonderfully improved and the pastor paid in full

with a nice little sum of \$18.00 over. At Christmas he was made happy by the ladies of the church who presented him some nice valuable presents, that were greatly appreciated, not so much for their intrinsic value as for the motive prompting the gifts. I am encouraged, the outlook is good for this year. We enjoy THE BAPTIST so much. May God bless you Bro. Bailey, you are giving us a good paper, a regular pastor's helper.

Yours in the work,

J. B. QUIN.

McComb City, Miss.

Columbia.

I was with Bro. Hewitt and his good people last Sunday in the re-dedication of their new house of worship. They now have a beautiful house of worship. It was filled Sunday morning at the dedicatory service. The church goes to full time this year, and with the new house of worship, we may expect great things of the church. Bro. Hewitt has done telling work at Columbia. The church will soon take her stand among the first churches of the State.

CEDAR GROVE.

It was a great pleasure to meet with the church at Cedar Grove on Sunday after noon. It is five miles north of Columbia. Pastor Hewitt has here a noble band of Christian men and women, and the pastor is held in highest esteem and greatly loved by all his people.

We hope soon to be in our new "Pastor's Home" here. Lumberton will have one of the best pastors' home of any church in the State.

Fraternally,

J. P. CULPEPPER.

Lumberton, Miss.

"Co-operation."

Concord and Antioch, two Rankin county churches, agreed to support a native Chinese missionary this year as their foreign mission offering, which amounts to \$50.00 each. Antioch at her January meeting made her offering, which resulted, with above, \$60.00. Concord, I am told, will make her offering the second Lord's day in February. Dr. Willingham has been instructed to have our missionary begin work. How many more country churches will support a missionary?

N. R. STONE.

Clinton, Miss.

Dr. Geo. E. Horr, for thirteen years editor in chief of *The Watchman*, of Boston, has resigned his place, to accept the chair of the History of Modern Christianity, offered him by the Trustees of Newton Theological Institution. Dr. Horr proved himself one of the finest editors of the last decade. His place will be hard to fill, but Dr. E. F. Merriam, his associate editor, has been promoted to the chief place, and no doubt will carry the paper on in its great work. Rev. Joseph S. Swain now becomes associate editor. His picture adorns the first page of *The Watchman*, of the 28th ult.

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History of Mississippi Baptists.

This book is now really in the hands of the binders, who assure us that they will have copies of it ready for distribution by the 20th of February. REMEMBER, only 1,000 copies of the book will be issued. These are being ordered rapidly. The book ought to be in the home of every intelligent Baptist in the State. It contains 1,532 pages; and is to appear in two volumes; price only \$3.50 net for cloth covers. Let us have your order for the book at once. If you wish this work bound in sheep, send your order at once, stating what sort. Write to T. J. Bailey or Z. T. Leavell, Jackson, Miss.

Rev. T. J. Burr goes from Yazoo County to Mangham, La., where work awaits him.

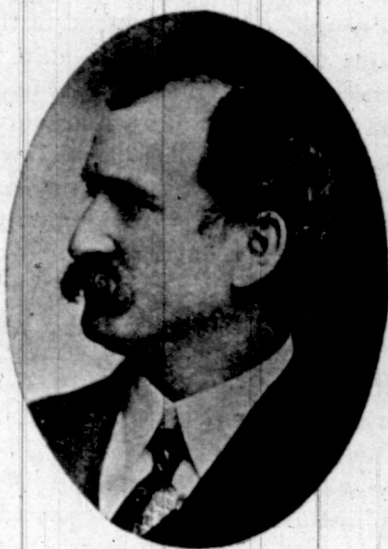
Rev. R. T. Bryant, now at home from China for a while, was a pleasant visitor at the rooms of THE BAPTIST.

We are sorry to learn of the recent attack of our Secretary. The trouble is something of the nature of lumbago. We hope its grip on Secretary Rowe will be of short duration.

The great Baltimore fire which raged for two days and nights, consumed the buildings on one hundred and forty acres of ground in the heart of the business portion of the city. The loss is estimated at about \$100,000,000. \$75,000,000 of which was covered by insurance.

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SENATOR W. A. BELK
Chairman of Committee on Prohibition Amendment.



REPRESENTATIVE J. S. HICKS
Chairman of Committee on Prohibition Amendment.

Mr. S. H. Smith, since September last, Acting Manager of Atlanta Branch, American Publication Society, has presented his resignation which took effect February 1st, and Mr. H. C. Robert has been appointed Permanent Manager to fill the vacancy thus created. Mr. Smith has been in the employ of the Society for seven years and has given faithful and satisfactory service in the various positions he has occupied. They part from him with

great regret and wish him every success in any line of business to which he may give himself. They also bespeak for Mr. Robert the confidence and support of the patrons of the Society.

It was our privilege while in New Orleans a few days ago, to meet our school day friend, Hon. G. S. Dodds. He is looking well and seems to be doing the same.

In another column will be found an advertisement of Mr. W. B. F. Lewis' Select Prize Cotton Seed. We know Mr. Lewis, and feel sure that his cotton seed is all that he claims for it.

We have just received the fifty-fourth annual catalogue of the Rochester Theological Seminary for 1903-1904. It is illustrated by some fine views both exterior and interior of Rockefeller Hall.

Through the courtesy of Rev. G. W. Riley we have received a neat church directory of the Mexico Church, Texas. It contains a pastoral letter, articles of faith, a roll of membership and some other important matter. Bro. Riley is a Mississippian.

This office acknowledges receipt of a beautiful calendar sent out by the "Antikamnia Chemical Co., St. Louis. On one side of the card-board is the calendar and on the other a beautiful face, representing Confidence. 10 cents a copy, prepaid.

We make the following correction at request of Dr. Fawcett: "In my article, in the last BAPTIST, in the 12th from the top of the page, it reads \$1.12 per member." It should read \$5.12 per member. Please make the correction, otherwise I will have a lot of folks in Texas on to me for misrepresentation, etc."

Our friends who contemplate attending the World's Fair at St. Louis, will be delighted to know that Christian People and Educators will have headquarters at the mammoth Christian Endeavor Hotel, the advertisement of which appears in another column of this paper. The Hotel Compa-

ny has issued a pamphlet giving full particulars about the hotel, its management, clientage, rates, etc.

Russia and Japan have actually engaged in war. On the night of the 8th inst., near midnight the Japanese torpedo boats attacked the Russian squadron in the outer roads at Port Arthur, badly damaging three of the Russian battleships, the Rurik, the Czarovitch and the Pallada. The Japanese escaped unhurt. St. Petersburg is on the tiptoe of excitement.

The Samuel Colgate Historical Collection of Colgate University, Hamilton N. Y., has grown to be an immense affair. It contains at the present time 3,500 bound volumes, as well as about 75,000 unbound pamphlets and reports. It is rich in histories and memoirs of distinguished men of the Denomination. In reports of conventions, associations, societies and records of missionary work, English and America, from the time of William Carey, surpasses all other collections.

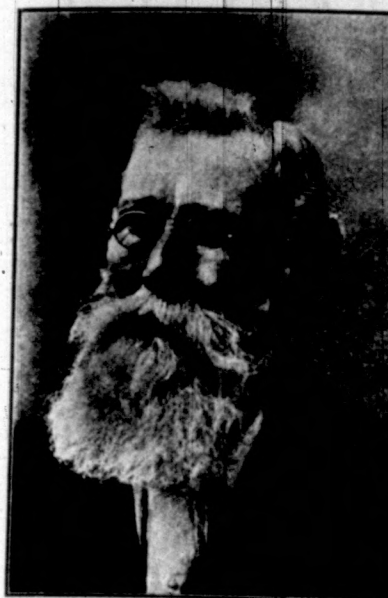
The Special Conference of Presbyterians assembled in Atlanta, voted on the 21st ult., to establish a great Presbyterian University in Atlanta. When the vote was taken to consolidate the Theological University, of Columbia, S. C., and the Presbyterian University, of Clarksville, Tenn., into one larger educational plant at Atlanta, out of 21 votes 18 were for consolidation and only 3 against. The city of Atlanta is to give \$250,000 towards equipping the new institution with grounds, etc.

Pastor E. E. King has just celebrated his 7th anniversary of the McKinney Baptist Church, McKinney, Texas. He says: "We have received into our fellowship 562, and have contributed \$23,513.70, more than half of which has been for Missions and Education. The pastor as your agent in the Master's service has attended 1981 services, preached 1115 sermons, made 140 addresses and 5,166 visits, officiated at 110 burials and at 120 marriages, held 28 revivals and did much Christian work of a general character.

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Dr. Z. J. Scott.

The subject of this sketch was born near Rodney, Jefferson County, Miss., March 30th, 1829. He was the twelfth of thirteen children, born to William Scott, Jr., and Anna Jones. William Scott, Sr., came from South Carolina about the year 1780 and settled near Woodville, Miss. This was about the time of the coming to this Territory of Richard Curtis, the first Baptist preacher in Mississippi. William Jones, a half brother of Richard Curtis, also came during the same year from Charleston, S. C., and settled at the mouth of Cole's Creek, near Natchez. Among the children of William Jones was Anna, mentioned above as the wife of Wm. Scott, Jr. These two were married about the year 1810 and lived near Rodney till 1830, when they moved to Madison County, near old Vernon (now Flora). It was here that Wm. Scott died in 1836, and his wife in 1846. And here was the boyhood home of Zachariah James Scott, the subject of this notice.

He grew up on the old farm, accustomed to outdoor life, which no doubt, had much to do in giving him a constitution that bore up, so well, under the ills and hardships of a long life, and from which also he gathered that practical knowledge that made him a successful planter. With a thirst for learning and an ambition to be of use in the world, he availed himself of the opportunity to take a course in a school of medicine. At the age of twenty-five he was graduated from the Tulane Medical College, and as long as his health and strength permitted him to practice, he enjoyed the reputation of being a painstaking and successful physician. He also had the honor of being appointed surgeon of the

lant 36 Mississippi Regiment in which he served during the Civil War.

In 1852 near St. Elmo in Claiborne County, he was married to Martha Evelyn Scott. To this union were born thirteen children, nine of whom, with their mother, survive. These children—six sons and three daughters—have families and are all doing well. Three of the sons are successful farmers; the other three are each doing well in his chosen profession. Dr. Z. J. Scott, Jr., is practicing medicine in Winona, Dr. I. F. Scott is practicing Dentistry in Summit and Prof. T. P. Scott is principal of the Brookhaven High School. The daughters are living near the old home blessed with good husbands, and the enviable record of good "keepers at home." It is worth while to remark, that all the children—husbands and wives—and their children, who have come to years of accountability, are Christians—members of Baptist churches, and by their lives are honoring the profession they have made. Who will dare say that this is not due, in large measure, to the consecrated Christian lives of father and mother?

For sixty years this man was a devoted follower of Christ. As the writer knew him he was true to his trusts as a Christian; never allowing secular interests to interfere with his obligations to his church; and though several miles distant from his place of public worship he was punctual in attendance even to old age. He was a man of extensive reading, and was, therefore, well posted on various subjects. Upon medicine, religion, education, politics, agriculture, horticulture, political economy and current topics he could converse with marked ability. His knowledge of these subjects was of that practical kind that made him a valued citizen, a wise counsellor, a helpful neighbor, a devoted and true husband and father.

For several weeks before his death, he and his wife had been visiting their children in Summit and Brookhaven. On his return he took fever induced by a cold and scarcely had he reached the glad gates of his own dear home, when this sickness developed into pneumonia. For eleven days he lingered, receiving the tender ministrations of a devoted family and attentive physicians, when the end came in the 75th year of his age, calmly, gracefully, he fell asleep. Like the traveler

after a long journey, at nightfall, seeks his cozy room and comfortable couch to rest his wear body that the morning may find him refreshed and renewed in strength. So, our brother, by his own hearthstone, falls asleep to awake refreshed by the unutterable glories of Heaven's glad morning. "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright for the end of that man is peace."

From the old home in Copiah County and twelve miles west of Crystal Springs, his body was borne to the New Zion Church where oft he came, to worship. Many were present to pay tribute to the memory of a worthy friend and brother. Two of his former pastors—R. W. Purser and I. H. Anding were present and spoke of the worth of Christian character and its blessed rewards. Then the brotherhood of the Knights of Honor, with impressive ceremonies, laid the body to rest in the church cemetery to await the angel's call to the resurrection of the righteous.

At a time like this there comes to us a promise sweet for it is our Father, who knows our grief: "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee," and some one has recently sung for our comfort:

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Alone, beside, around us there is One
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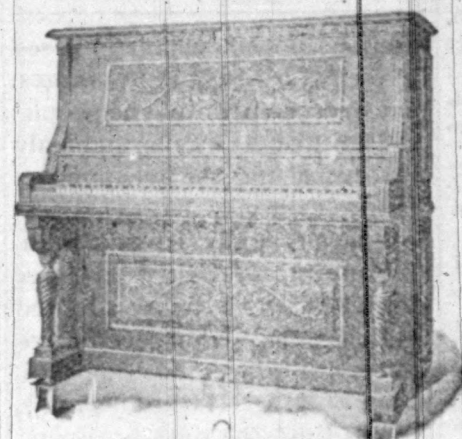
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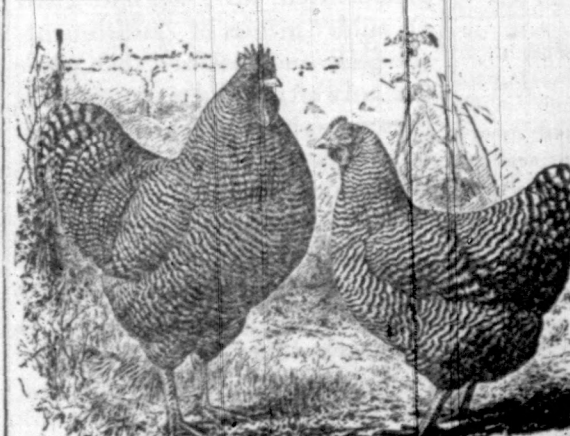
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Tuesday 16. Jeremiah 44:15-30. Watched over for evil (v. 27). Compare Jeremiah 39:16.

Wednesday 17. Jeremiah 52:28-34. Promotion of a faithful prisoner. Compare Genesis 39:21-23.

Thursday 18. Lamentations 1:1-11. Humiliation and sorrow of Jerusalem. Compare Isaiah 3:8.

Friday 19. Lamentations 1:12-22. Jehovah the chastiser (v. 17). Compare II Kings 24:2-4.

Saturday 20. Lamentations 2:1-10. Israel's head men to blame (v. 9). Compare Deuteronomy 28:16.

Sunday 21. Prayer Meeting. Some Good Ways of Using the Sabbath. Mark 1:21-34.

S. S. Lesson. Jesus and the Sabbath. Matthew 12:1-13.

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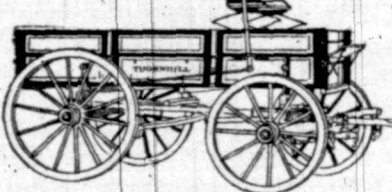
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Latonia 8:15am 5:23pm

Brushy 8:20am 5:30pm

Donovan 8:27am 5:37pm

Evanson 8:36am 5:46pm

Lucedale 8:43am 5:53pm

Eubank 8:54am 6:04pm

Bexley 9:02am 6:12pm

Merrill 9:15am 6:25pm

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Latonia 11:20am 6:22pm

Brushy 11:13am 6:15pm

Donovan 11:06am 6:08pm

Evanson 10:57am 5:59pm

Lucedale 10:51am 5:53pm

Eubank 10:40am 5:49pm

Bexley 10:32am 5:41pm

Merrill 10:19am 5:18pm

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7:41pm " " New Augusta " 9:01am

7:49pm " " Mahnd " 8:53am

8:04pm " " Ragland " 8:37am

8:13pm " " McCallum " 8:28am

8:35pm Ar. Hattiesburg Lv. 8:07am

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WOMAN'S WORK.

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[Direct all communications for this department to Clinton, Miss.]

Woman's Central Committee:

Mrs. E. G. Hackel, President,
Meridian; Mrs. R. Woods,
Secretary, Meridian.

Program:

February 1904.

Subject—Missions in Southern States.
"Whatsoever Providence gives you to do, do it with your heart."—Fidele Fiske.

1. Prayer—For the power of the Holy Spirit in the mission.

2. A Study of Missions—Love of Christ, 2 Cor. 5:14; Fellowship with Christ, 2 Cor. 13:14; Compassion, Luke 15:4; Obedience, Luke 14:15.

3. Seed Thought—Christians of America have enough to push every needed reform in society, to restore the Sabbath, to get powder every evil traffic, to get the gospel to every soul in the land. Are you willing to do your part?

4. Leaflet—"The Southern City" by Rev. Ezra K. Bell, D.D.

5. A Missionary News Box—Every member should be asked previous to the meeting to bring a clipping for the box bearing upon the work or need of State Missions, limited to 100 words.

[Items should be distributed, no one reading her own.]

6. Discussion—In what work could we as individuals engage to improve our town (or city), and State?

7. Business, etc.—Plan for observance of the third week in March by special offerings of money for Home Missions and of prayer. Send to State Central Committees for envelopes and literature.

8. An Inspiration for Special Effort—Found in the words of Dr. Strong. "If this generation is faithful to its trust, America is to become God's right arm in His battle with the world's ignorance, oppression and sin."

9. A Short Talk based upon Annual Report of Sunday School Board with emphasis upon need of Mission Schools. See pages 3 and 4 "Field Work."

10. Prayer for all of "our substitutes" in the home land for ourselves that we may be more faithful.

STONEHAM, TEX., JAN. 21ST, '94.

MRS. A. L. O'BRIEN, FLORENCE, MISS.

DEAR SISTER:—The box shipped to me was received last night. To say that we appreciate the gift, does not express our gratitude. If you could know how timely your gift was to us, whatever of pleasure you experienced in making up the gift, would be greatly increased. There was nothing in the box but just what we needed, and we feel that the Lord surely directed you in the choice of articles sent. Please accept the heartfelt thanks of myself and family, and may you all realize the blessed experience that "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Your Brother in the work,
GEO. COOK.

The following amounts have been reported for the quarter ending January 1st, 1904:

Aberdeen Association—Echu, h m \$4.35, h u 1.05; Houston, f m 6.26.

Bogue Chitto Association—McComb, h u \$175.90.

Chickasaw Association—Meridian, f m \$2.55, h u 4.50, Orph. 45; Theo. Sem. 5; Wm. Carey 1st Church Meridian, f m 50.75; Shubuta, f m 3; Mrs. Welch, f m 2.50; Queman, f m 1.60, h u 16.40, Orph. 28.90.

Columbus Association—Starkville, c b and l fund \$5; West Point, s m 45, f m 5.90, h u 2; Orph. 80; Sharon, Orph. 20.50; Brooksville, Orph. 35; Mt. Zion, Orph. 5.05; Columbus, f m 16.50, h u 20, Orph. 5; Pleasant Hill, f m 4.50; Macon, f m 10.50.

Copiah Association—Crystal Springs, h m \$19.60, s m 2; Orph. 22, c b and l fund 5; Hazlehurst, h m 10.55, Orph. 36.25.

Deer Creek Association—Hollandale, f m \$5.

Gulf Coast Association—Moss Point, f m \$17.

Kosciusko Association—Kosciusko, f m \$15, min. ed. 10; Maria, sust. 1.25; Center, sust. 1; c b and l 75; Yockanookany, f m 5, Orph. 2, c b and l 65, Mis. Col. 1.25; Long Creek, c b and l 75, Mis. Col. 65.

Lebanon Association—Laurens, s m \$15, f m 13.80, h u 36.25, Orph. 2.50, sust. 2.50; Wiggins, h m 5, s m 15, f m 5, h u 246.15, min. ed. 5; Ellisville, sust. 15.50; Hattiesburg, f m 10, h u 10; Lumberton, h u 46.

Mississippi Association—Gloster, f m \$30.20.

Oxford Association—Batesville, f m \$5.80; Oxford, h m 2.20, s m 5.85, f m 3.80, Orph. 2.20.

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Pearl Leaf Association—Bunker Hill, h m \$3.50, f m 1; Ebenezer, f m 5.53, h u 1.85.

Central Association—Clinton, h u \$3.80, min. ed. 7.30; Utica, h u 1, Orph. 63, min. ed. 5, Mis. Col. 5; Calvary Vicksburg, h u 171.05; Beulah, h u 6.25, Orph. 18.45; Palestine, h m 4.40, s m 5, f m 4.60, min. ed. 2.50; Second Church Jackson, h u 38.10; Ogden, f m 12, h u 7.40.

Pearl River Association—Oloha, f m \$3.50, h u 8.15.

Rankin County Association—Fannin, f m \$2.50.

Sunflower Association—Shelby, h m \$2, s m 2, f m 2, h u 5.20, Orph. 2.

West Judson Association—Tupelo, f m \$10.20; Corinth, h m 25, f m 25, h u 140.75.

Yazoo Association—Lexington, h u \$6.30.

Yalobusha Association—Miss. Col. \$5; Coffeeville, h u 2, Orph. 2.50, Mis. Col. 5; Cascilla, f m 5, Orph. 8.50; Grenada, Orph. 13.50.

TOTALS.

Home missions \$106.60, State missions 110.40, Foreign missions 281.10, Home uses 920.45, Orphanage 382.40, Substitution 19.25, Church building and loan 12.15, Theological Seminary 5, Ministerial education 31.80, Mississippi College 16.90.—\$1,886.05.

The following boxes have been reported:

L. A. and M. Society 1st Church Meridian \$90, Mississippi Association 225.85, West Judson Association 132.75, Clinton 73.15, Central Association 226.10, Copiah Association 251.15, Starkville 67, Lebanon Associa-

tion 250, 41st Avenue Meridian 47, Moss Point 50, Coldwater Association 91.50, West Point 75, Oxford 59.80, L. M. S. 1st Church Meridian 45, Cascilla 10, Grenada 27, Coffeeville 43.08, McComb 41.40, Columbus 60.—\$1,863.78.

Grand total, \$3,749.83.

MRS. WM. R. WOODS,
Secretary Central Committee.

Report of Band Work for quarters ending October 1st and January 1st:

Sunbeams of Crystal Springs—H m \$3.40, Orph. 6.30, box to Orph. 28, box to frontier 3.50—41.20.

Sunbeams of Kosciusko—S m \$2, h u 3.60—5.60.

Sunbeams of Hazlehurst—Christmas offering \$10.

Sunbeams of Meridian—F m \$33.34.

Sunbeams of Tupelo—Christmas offering \$2.75, box to frontier 1.80—4.55.

Sunbeams of Utica—S m \$3, S. Board 7, box to frontier 5—15.

Sunbeam of Wesson—H m \$5, h u 5, endowment 5, Orph. 5, box to frontier 3.25—23.25.

Totals—Foreign missions \$33.34, Christmas offering 12.75, Home missions 8.40, State missions 5, S. S. Board 7, Home uses 8.60, Endowment 5, Orphanage 11.30, Box to Orphanage 28, Box to Frontier 13.55—132.94.

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Local Option Laws.

Notwithstanding the movement for constitutional prohibition, several efforts are on foot in the legislature to amend the liquor and local option laws, and it seems to be the opinion of the authors of these measures, nearly all of whom are prohibitionists, that in case the proposed amendment should fail to secure the required two-third majority, that the existing laws need strengthening in several respects. Three bills have been offered in the lower house making it a felony to sell liquor in Mississippi without license punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary.—Meridian Star.

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Congressman Humphries' Bill.

A letter was received at the auditor's office last week from Congressman B. G. Humphries, of the Third Mississippi district, asking for figures on the number of saloons in Mississippi is endeavoring to secure the passage through congress of a bill rendering it obligatory upon collectors of internal revenue to inform State officials as to the names of persons to whom liquor licenses are granted, the object being to secure evidence through this source against blind tiger keepers. The auditor informed Mr. Humphries that there are 123 saloons in Mississippi, and they pay an annual license of \$144.800.

If the best people of the State will urge the present legislature to vote for the Concurrent resolution amending the constitution so as to forbid the traffic in intoxicating liquors, we can blot out those 123 saloons that are a disgrace to the State.

No More Sunday Selling.

The retail liquor dealers of Vicksburg and Warren county, realizing that public sentiment is against any further infraction of the laws under which they operate, have decided to be good. They held a meeting last week and adopted resolutions pledging to hereafter conduct their business honorably and according to law, and to see that each of the various cities in the State enforce the spirit and letter of their resolution, and most emphatically in regard to Sunday trading.

The committee reported favorably on the bill but the tools of the saloon will try to refer it to the committee on the liquor traffic. The saloons get together and agree to not violate the law, that is an old gag when a saloon is run without violating the law the millenium will be here, that will do for gush during the sitting of the legislature but the idea of a saloon running with any regard for the Sabbath or the laws of the State is ridiculous.

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Vita-Ore will do the same for you as it has for hundreds of readers of this paper if you will give it a trial. Send for a \$1.00 package at our risk. You have nothing to lose but the stamp to answer this announcement. If the medicine does not benefit you, write us so and there is no harm done. We want no one's money when Vita-Ore cannot benefit. Can anything be more fair? What sensible person, no matter how prejudiced he or she may be, who desires a cure and is willing to pay for it, would hesitate to try Vita-Ore on this liberal offer? One package is usually sufficient to cure ordinary cases; two or three for chronic, obstinate cases. We mean just what we say in this announcement, and will do just what we agree. Write today for a package at our risk and expense, giving your age and ailments, and mention this paper, so that we may know that you are entitled to this liberal offer.

You Are to Be the Judge!

A CERTAIN AND NEVER-FAILING CURE for Rheumatism, Lumbago, Bright's Disease, Diabetes, LaGrippe, Blood Poisoning, Drops, Sores and Ulcers, Malarial Fevers, Nervous Prostration and Anaemia, Liver, Kidney and Bladder Troubles, Catarrh of Any Part, Female Complaints, Stomach and Bowel Disorders, General Debility.

Good Externally Also.

Although Vita-Ore is intended primarily to be taken into the system through the Stomach and thereafter by a natural process absorbed into the blood, the vehicle which conveys its curative properties to all parts of the body, it possesses qualities characteristic of it exclusively which render it wonderfully effective as an external application, direct to the seat of the affliction, in certain disorders. In Throat Troubles, when it is used externally as a spray, gargle or swab, according

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This offer will challenge the attention and consideration and afterward the gratitude of every living person who desires better health or who suffers pains, ills and diseases which have defied the medical world and grown worse with age. We care not for your skepticism, but ask only your investigation, and at our expense, regardless of what ills you have, by sending to us for a package. ADDRESS

Rev. J. H. Wright Has Used It and Knows What It Will Do. Read What He Says:

I have at this writing used two and one-half packages of Vita-Ore and I must say that it has been a wonderful medicine for me. I feel like a new man. For the last two years I had felt like a run down clock, on the verge of nervous prostration. My lower limbs began to swell and become heavy, as in dropsical troubles, and I could not walk up a short flight of steps without becoming exhausted and so tired that I would have to stop and rest. I called upon my physician and asked to know my trouble. He assured me it was neither dropsy nor rheumatism, but what in medical parlance is called "Phlebetes," a term used to designate a condition in which the large veins are inflamed, so that it is difficult for the blood to circulate. I asked the danger and was told "blood poisoning, foot dies by inches, gangrene." He said it was not too late to help me and by using powerful stimulants caused the heart to act more freely. He did all he could for me, and after changing the medicine and treatment six times succeeded in reducing the enlargement of the limb (left leg) and I was beginning to feel good over it, when the right limb began to swell and enlarge as the left had done. It was at this period that I saw the Vita-Ore advertisement and sent for a package on trial. After using it for two weeks I felt so much better I was convinced I was on the right way for a renewal of health, and now, after using two and one-half packages I feel well and strong. It is wonderful food for the brain as well as muscles. I am seventy-one years old and on the twenty-sixth day of April I preached my fiftieth anniversary of ministerial acts and service in the church. Had I not come in touch with Vita-Ore last winter I hardly think I would have reached that long looked for period. I am, indeed, thankful for the health it gave me and cannot say enough to help others to be benefitted as I have been.—REV. J. H. WRIGHT, 416 West Newton Avenue, Greensburg, Pa.



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